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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6462

BILL NUMBER: HB 1430

DATE PREPARED: Jan 2, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Insurance Benefits for EMT Personnel.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires a county, municipality, or township that uses an ambulance service department or association to purchase a policy of insurance to cover each volunteer emergency medical technician (EMT) who is a member of the department or association.

Effective Date: January 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill requires local units of government that use an ambulance service company to provide insurance coverage for volunteer EMTs. Current law already provides that volunteer firefighters and EMTs working in a volunteer capacity for a volunteer fire department or ambulance company are to be covered by the medical treatment and burial expense provisions of the Worker's Compensation Law and the Worker's Occupational Diseases Law.

The policy benefit requirements are specified in the bill and are similar to the required insurance coverage currently afforded volunteer firefighters. There are about 10,500 EMTs throughout the state. About half, or 5,250, are thought to be volunteers. The cost of the policy benefit requirements specified in the bill that may be over and above what is currently provided to EMTs is not known and depends on the circumstances in the ambulance service companies providing services to local units of government.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, Municipalities, and Townships.

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